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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,215 crashes as compared to 1,147 crashes in January of 2007. The total crashes increased by 5.9% compared to last year. Crashes that resulted in fatalities remained unchanged, this equates to 4 fatal crashes in January 2007 and 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 16.3% decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last January. Of the 41 commercial crashes investigated this month, 7 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 34 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.4% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.0% off all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 802 crash reports in January 2008. This resulted in 4,495 crash reports being mailed out, 27% less than last year during January. There were 936 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 8% when compared to January 2007. The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,129 CAD incidents and 34,643 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall traffic enforcement of 12.6% in January 2008, as compared to January 2007. DUI arrests from crashes decreased by 21% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by 16% as compared to last year.

The Commercial Enforcement Section decreased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 35% compared to last January. The number of Safety Inspections also decreased by 19.7% compared to last year. This resulted in 102 vehicles and 46 drivers being placed "Out of Service". This decrease in hazardous moving enforcement is being addressed with the Commercial Enforcement Section.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	January 08		January 07	% Change		December 07	% Change
Total crashes	1215		1147	5.9%		1193	1.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	953		839	13.6%		919	3.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	258		304	-15.1%		267	-3.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		4	0.0%		7	-42.9%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	49		62	-21.0%		56	-12.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		4	0.0%		7	-42.9%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		4	-75.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		3	-66.7%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3		0	300.0%		0	300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	41		49	-16.3%		44	-6.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	34		40	-15.0%		32	6.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		9	-22.2%		12	-41.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .3 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.0%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.4%
- ✱ Total crashes up 5.9 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 16.3% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes remained unchanged as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	January 08		January 07	% Change		December 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	49		62	-21.0%		56	-12.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	187		223	-16.1%		227	-17.6%
Other arrests	990		976	1.4%		1125	-12.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	435		451	-3.5%		474	-8.2%
Speed violations	4227		4500	-6.1%		4770	-11.4%
Hazardous moving violations	2415		2719	-11.2%		2303	4.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	813		908	-10.5%		1527	-46.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	12080		13829	-12.6%		13752	-12.2%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	65		100	-35.0%		62	4.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	200		338	-40.8%		218	-8.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	743		925	-19.7%		1171	-36.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	8		1	700.0%		3	166.7%
Total safety violations -- citation	283		381	-25.7%		304	-6.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1257		1974	-36.3%		1482	-15.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	102		204	-50.0%		77	32.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	46		109	-57.8%		62	-25.8%
Total school buses inspected	123		324	-62.0%		56	119.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		74	-7400.0%		8	-800.0%
Total trucks weighed	44		699	-93.7%		106	-58.5%
Total overweight citations	6		25	-76.0%		23	-73.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	668		924	-27.7%		1158	-42.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			16		12
Safety Violations Citation			6		
Safety Violations Repair Order			13		16
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			0		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			13		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ .4% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	January 2008		January 2007	% Change		December 2007	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	355,596		138,311	157.1%		344,583	3.2%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,728,446		1,395,365	23.9%		1,734,787	-0.4%
CAD Incidents	25,129		29,760	-15.6%		26,568	-5.4%
Telephone Calls	34,643		31,661	9.4%		30,939	12.0%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	52		37	40.5%		61	-14.8%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	802		1,034	-22.4%		823	-2.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	386		438	-11.9%		433	-10.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	19		6	216.7%		16	18.8%
Vehicle Impound Releases	129		197	-34.5%		82	57.3%
Visitors at Counter	936		867	8.0%		910	2.9%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	4,495		6,155	-27.0%		4,567	-1.6%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	914		825	10.8%		1,052	-13.1%
Warrants Entered	435		429	1.4%		1,778	-75.5%
Warrants Cleared	408		599	-31.9%		246	65.9%
Warrants Validated	1,947		1,815	7.3%		2,323	-16.2%
Extradition / Transports	16		16	0 %		8	100.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	46		109	-57.8%		41	12.2%
New Items Submitted	74		203	-63.5%		88	-15.9%
Items Disposed	0		13	-1300.0%		7	-700.0%

EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 84.8% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 13 % of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 2.2 % of case submissions.
- Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 10 Contracts using 257.15 hours, billed in the amount of \$12,654.18.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1472	17	199	40	9

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
626	429	53	212	162	50

Community service appearances:

Las Vegas College, Legacy H.S., Canyon Springs H.S., Durango H.S., Beatty H.S., Von Tobel M.S., Cadwaller M.S., Paul Culley E.S., Presenter at Clark County School District in-service for driver education teachers

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- Expansion of P.A.C.E. Teen program//Meet with Joining Forces coordinators
- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for returning members of Nevada National Guard
- Nellis Air Force Base –
- Meeting for Southern Nevada Government Job Fair
- Clark County Traffic Engineers meeting
- BEST Coalition meeting
- Traffic Safety Presentation @ Land Rover of Las Vegas
- Training for Meth 360 Project
- Meeting for Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Task Force
- Meeting of the Attorney General's Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- Press Conference highlighting the 2007 reduction in Fatal Crashes
- Planning Meetings for 2008 NASCAR weekend
- Traffic Safety for Sunset Rotary
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition – initial meeting
- Presidential Motorcade